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STIMULUS MONEY RECEIVED BY LEBANON VA MEDICAL CENTER

President Obama's stimulus package has included 5.5 million dollars for the Lebanon VA Medical Center. The medical center will utilize this funding to update facilities and add services to enhance the care that it provides Veterans.

Three major projects that will commence under the stimulus package include:

American Disabilities Act Project - \$909,000 will be utilized to renovate public bathrooms in buildings 18, 106, 27, and 3 bringing these comfort facilities into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Act. This project is expected to be completed in the fall of 2010.

Centralized Business Office - \$4 million will be dedicated to construction of a Centralized Business Office. This project includes a centralized check-in area for Veterans arriving for appointments. Veterans (with VA staff assistance) will have the opportunity to update their personal information, check in for appointments, and print out appointment locations utilizing Kiosks, similar to those used in airports to reduce the time required for routine outpatient registration. This project is expected to be completed in the spring of 2011.

Healthy Ventilation Air Conditioning Improvement - \$653,000 will replace the current chiller, part of the air conditioning system that services the entire medical center. This will allow for a more efficient, state-of-the-art, economically beneficial system that will be in use for years to come. Completion is expected by the summer of 2010.

"These projects supported by the President's stimulus package will help to modernize our aging infrastructure and strengthen our ability to execute our mission of Excellence in All focusing on the Veteran," said Robert Callahan, Director of the Lebanon VA.